

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

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H I S M A J E S T Y,

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Die Veneris, 2 Martii, 1738.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal
in Parliament assembled, That the Address
of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His
Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be
forthwith printed and published.

W^m Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable
the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament as-
sembled.

Die Jovis, 1 Martii, 1738.

Most gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to return Your Majesty our most humble Thanks for Your gracious Condescension, in laying the Convention between Your Majesty and the King of *Spain*, dated the Fourteenth Day of *January* last, N. S. together with the separate Articles, before this House.

We think it our indispensable Duty, on this Occasion, to express our just Sense of Your Royal Care of the true Interests of Your People; and to acknowledge Your Majesty's great Prudence, in bringing the Demands of Your Subjects for their past Losses, which have been so long depending, to a final Adjustment by the said Convention; and procuring an express Stipulation for a speedy Payment; and in laying a Foundation for accomplishing the great and desirable Ends, of obtaining future Security, and preserving the Peace between the Two Nations.

We beg leave also to declare to Your Majesty, our Confidence and Reliance on Your Royal Wisdom, and steady Attention to the Honour of Your Crown, and the Welfare of these Kingdoms, that in the Treaty to be concluded in pursuance of this Convention, proper Provisions will be made for Redress of the Grievances so justly complained of; and particularly, that the Freedom of Navigation and Commerce in the *American* Seas, to which Your Majesty's Subjects are entitled by the Law of Nations, and by virtue of the Treaties subsisting between the Two Crowns, will be so effectually secured, that they

they may enjoy, unmolested, their undoubted Right of navigating, and carrying on Trade and Commerce from one Part of Your Majesty's Dominions to any other Part thereof, without being liable to be stopp'd, visited, or searched on the open Seas, or to any other Violation or Infraction of the said Treaties; the mutual Observance thereof, and a just Regard to the Privileges belonging to each other, being the only Means of maintaining a good Correspondence, and lasting Friendship between the Two Crowns.

Permit us at the same time, in the most dutiful Manner, to express to Your Majesty, our firm Dependence, that in the Treaty to be concluded in pursuance of the said Convention, the utmost Regard will be had to the Rights belonging to Your Majesty's Crown and Subjects, in adjusting and settling the Limits of Your Majesty's Dominions in *America*; and to give Your Majesty the strongest Assurances, that in case Your Majesty's just Expectations shall not be answered, this House will heartily and zealously concur in all such Measures, as shall be necessary to vindicate Your Majesty's Honour, and to preserve to Your Subjects the full Enjoyment of all those Rights, to which they are entitled by Treaty, and the Law of Nations.

His MAJESTY's most gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for this dutiful Address, and for the grateful Sense you express of My Care of the true Interests of My People. You may depend upon it, That I have the Honour of My Crown, and the Welfare of My Kingdoms entirely at Heart; and that nothing shall be wanting on My Part, to secure to My Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Navigation, and Commerce, and their other just Rights.

